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SUBJECT: Amendment of the Iron and Steel Categorical Standards **DATE:** 11-12-02

FROM: EPA Region III

TO: POTW Pretreatment Program Managers

Final amendments to the Iron and Steel Manufacturing effluent guidelines were published in the Federal Register on October 17, 2002 (67 FR 64215) and become effective on November 18, 2002. This regulation revises limitations and standards for four subcategories of the Iron and Steel Manufacturing Point Source Category: Subcategory A (Cokemaking), Subcategory B (Sintering), Subcategory C (Ironmaking): and Subcategory D (Steelmaking), and adds new Subcategory M (Other Operations). The revised effluent standards require existing and new facilities within these subcategories to further limit the discharge of pollutants into navigable waters of the United States and into publicly owned treatment works. EPA has not revised the limitations in subcategories E through L.

As a result of the promulgation of this amendment, any industrial user subject to the limitations in the revised subcategories (A-D) or the new subcategory (M) must submit a Baseline Monitoring Report (BMR) addressing the new requirements within 180 days of the effective date of the amendments. Based on the effective date of November 18, 2002, the BMR would be due May 17, 2003. Since this is a Saturday, the BMR is due the next business day, or May 19, 2003. The new source date for these new standards is November 18, 2002 (the date specified in the preamble to the regulation), and the compliance date is October 17, 2005. This does not revise the compliance date for the standards that had been in existence prior to this amendment.

For POTWs with industries subject to the revised standards, several actions are warranted. Although it is the user's responsibility to submit the BMR, it is the POTW's responsibility to enforce the BMR submission requirement. If the BMR is more than 30 days late, the user would be in significant noncompliance for failing to report. POTWs should begin contacting users that they suspect are affected by this amendment and remind them of the BMR requirement and due date.

Upon receipt and review of the user's BMR, the POTW should consider amending or reissuing the user's discharge permit to incorporate the new limits and any compliance schedules submitted as part of the BMR (note that the compliance schedule must be in accordance with 40 CFR 403.12(b)(7) & 403.12(c)), and to require compliance with the new standards by October

17, 2005. At a minimum, the permit of any affected user must be amended or reissued sometime prior to October 17, 2005 to incorporate the new requirements. Inspections for affected users should also begin to focus on compliance with the new requirements.

POTWs and IUs may obtain a copy of the amendment through the Federal Register. A complete copy of the regulation, including the preamble, is also available through the Internet (www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a021017c.html) in text or PDF format. It should also be available through the "Categorical Industries" section of the Region III pretreatment webpage (www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/pretreatment) in the near future. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your EPA or State contact.